



CITY OF LONG BEACH CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION

TITLE: CRIMINALIST I - II

DEFINITION: Under direction, performs increasingly difficult physical and chemical analyses in the scientific detection and investigation of crimes and prepares reports of findings.

REPORTS TO: Division Head

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:

Grade Level I - Performs the routine duties of the classification.

Grade Level II - Performs the full range of duties of the classification.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:

- Performs chemical and physical analyses of evidentiary materials;
- Performs microscopic examinations;
- Prepares written findings and displays for court presentation;
- Examines crime scenes and collects, interprets, and preserves physical evidence;
- Testifies in court as an expert witness;
- Uses computers, special measuring, recording, and testing instruments and devices;
- Consults with fingerprint and handwriting experts, photographers, police officers, attorneys, and private experts;
- Operates, calibrates and performs maintenance on breath alcohol testing instruments;
- Instructs officers in the use of breath alcohol testing instruments;
- May act as lead person;
- May teach class on collection and preservation of evidence at the Police Academy;
- May make recommendations concerning the laboratory budget and policy;
- Performs other duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with a degree in criminalistics, chemistry, physics, or biological sciences;

Ability to make complete presentations in court;

Ability to train police personnel in basic scientific investigation;

Willingness to work irregular hours;

A valid motor vehicle operator's license.

HISTORY:

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